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In re Application of:)

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For: METHOD FOR SCREENING
SUBSTANCES WITH THERAPEUTIC
ACTION IN THE TREATMENT OF
TRANSMISSIBLE SUBACUTE
SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of the National Stage entry of the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An International Search Report citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is also enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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